

# 1836 - One Hundred Twenty Glorious Years - 1956

## Possibilities Of Commission Are Pointed By Cox

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The majority of the states that are related to the Southern Baptist Convention have either a historical commission, historical society or a standing committee on Baptist history. In most instances they have a commission.

In some states there is a historical society that has been given the status of a commission by the state convention, and the officers of the society are elected by the state convention and constitute in effect a commission. In several states there is an official historical commission; and, in addition, there is a historical society that has been organized as auxiliary to the commission.

The commission is an official creation of the state convention. The society is composed of interested individuals who work in co-operation with a historical commission to further the aims and objectives of the commission. The Southern Baptist Convention has identically that type of organization.

I am acquainted with the situation in each of the states. In my judgment, the ideal is to have a historical commission that has been created by the state convention. Its membership may be chosen directly by the convention as members of other convention agencies have their trustees or membership elected, or the convention can provide that the historical commission shall be composed of a standing committee of its state convention board whose membership is chosen from the membership of that board.

**Care For History Interests**  
Some states do it one way and others the other. In any event, after the commission is established, a historical society auxiliary, thereto can be organized and helpfully serve the work of the commission. This historical commission is commissioned by the convention to care for the history interest of the Baptist churches, associations, institutions and agencies of the Baptists in that state.

In nearly all instances the state collection is housed in the library of the oldest and principal Baptist college or university in that state; or, as in the cases of Kentucky, Louisiana and Texas, it is housed in the library of the theological seminary located in that state. The collection is the property of the state commission or society.

The state convention through its representative, the commission, works out an agreeable relationship and agreement with the college administration for the proper processing, cataloging and administration of the collection according to the highest standards of library practice.

Financially, this work need not be burdensome. In most of the states a small appropriation is made to defray the ex-

penses of the work of their commission. Where they have both a society and a commission, sometimes the society takes care of some items. Whenever a history of a state is to be published or there is some extraordinary expenditure, special appropriations are made; but, in the average, it has been found that no large appropriation is necessary.

**Corporations Keep Records**  
Baptists have been able to do mighty well with an infinitesimally small knowledge of their history. Our present situation and future prospects make it certain, however, that we have suffered greatly because we were too ignorant of our history and that we will suffer more than we can afford unless we give heed to the collection and utilization of our historical material.

The great corporations of America have kept their records. They know that the decisions they have to make this month and in the years ahead will be much better if their executives are acquainted with the facts of their history and know how their predecessors in the years before have met similar situations.

They know further that they could be much more efficient if they know the history of their present operation. Therefore, they are requiring all those who give promise of promotion to study their historical material. Sears, Roebuck and Company have microfilmed every one of their catalogues. United States Steel, Standard Oil Company, General Motors, American Telephone and Telegraph, and a host of other great corporations are convinced that they cannot best adventure into the future without utilizing what their predecessors in management have learned in the past. Therefore, they are proving themselves according to the statement of Jesus when he said, "For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." This has a lesson for us in all the areas of Baptist life.

**Tribute To Boyd**  
Mississippi Baptists will never realize the great debt they owe to J. L. Boyd. For twenty-five years he has been instant in season and out of season in collecting the historical materials of Mississippi Baptist churches, associations and convention life. Because of what he has done Mississippi Baptists today, in comparison with others, are in a very good position. I am grateful to God that a last step is being taken to make the work that he has done as a labor of love through years to be an integral part of Mississippi Baptist Convention's organized service.

In conclusion, let me say that there is perfect fellowship and teamwork between our several state Baptist historical commissions and societies and the Southern Baptist Convention's historical commission and society.

tary, who should have jurisdiction and control of all finances of the convention, State Missions, Home and Indian and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Mississippi College and Sustentation of the aged ministers and the orphans of deceased ministers and incidental expenses of the Convention." In his address of 1884 he added this appeal: "As to the best methods of doing the work human experience and observation as well as the Scriptures, teach that the maximum amount of good in the shortest period of time, is attained only by the maximum of combined effort." This man of wisdom saw the need of the every member canvass for in 1884 when he was urging the convention to work out a plan where all could participate in the sending of the gospel to the world, he said, "If this great and glorious work has been confided to the churches, then not only has every church its part to perform but likewise every member of every church."



Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, executive secretary, State Historical Society, receives the old minutes of the Black Jack Church in Yazoo County for permanent keeping. Presenting them is Rev. Ray Dykes, now of Jackson, former pastor of the church and pastor at time of presentation. The keeping of church minutes is one phase of the work of the society. It now has on hand 170 such volumes, representing 77 churches. Scene above is in office of Society in library of Mississippi College, Clinton.

## Ashley Vaughn Issues Call For State Convention

In the Religious Luminary of October 1836, published at Natchez, Editor Ashley Vaughn issued the call for the present state Convention, as follows:

**A MEETING**  
To consider the propriety of forming a convention of the Baptist Denomination in this State.

From another page of our paper it will be seen that the Mississippi Association - at its late annual meeting, recommended a meeting to be held in Washington, Adams County, on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in Dec. next, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Convention; it will also be seen that they appointed delegates to attend it.

The Education Society will hold an adjourned meeting at Washington on the day preceding. This, no doubt, was one reason which influenced them in fixing upon the above named time and place, as the Education Society will bring together a number of persons from different parts of the State. It will also be seen that the Bethel Association appointed messengers to such a meeting, in case one should be called.

Let it be remembered that it is a meeting to consider the propriety of forming a Convention, therefore let those opposed to, as well as those in favor of the project, attend. If there are valid objections to such an organization as is contemplated, they ought to be known; the safety of the denomination, demands it; but if they are invalid, they ought to be removed. It is to be hoped that the representation on that occasion will be full, that the wishes of the denomination may be so far ascertained, and their wisdom and piety at least so far represented, that should there be any action upon the subject, it may be made with safety. Let brethren come together in the spirit of the gospel, and interchange their sentiments and views, and wishes, and feelings, in relation to it.

## Historic Churches Of State Listed

There are 65 "historic" churches in Mississippi, those constituted prior to the organization of the State Convention in 1836.

The list below was prepared by Rev. J. L. Boyd for inclusion in the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists to appear next year. The information includes the year church was organized, name, and post office:

- 1800, Woodville, Woodville; 1806, Ebenezer, Centerville; 1810, East Fork, Liberty; 1810, Serepta, Meadville; 1811, Zion Hill, Liberty; 1812, Bogue Chitto, Tylertown; 1813, Hopewell, Bude; 1814, Antioch, Columbia; 1814, Silver Creek, McComb; 1815, Fair River, Brookhaven; 1815, Fellowship, Hernando; 1815, Mars Hill, Summit; 1817, Friendship, McComb; 1817, Hepzibah, Silver Creek.
- 1818, Little Bahala, Wesson; 1818, Mt. Zion, Meadville; 1818, New Hope, Meadville; 1818, Providence, Hattiesburg; 1818, Silver Creek, Silver Creek; 1819, Antioch, Vicksburg; 1819, Bethany, Prentiss; 1820, Ebenezer, Bassfield; 1820, Ramah, McCall; 1821, Old Hebron, New Hebron; 1822, Waynesboro, First, Waynesboro.
- 1823, Mt. Zion, Brookhaven; 1823, New Zion, Tylertown; 1824, Antioch, Hazlehurst; 1824, Gallie, Gloster; 1824, Mt. Zion, Mt. Olive; 1824, Society Hill, Oakvale; 1825, Damascus, Hazlehurst; 1826, Magnolia, First, Magnolia; 1827, Palestine, Raymond; 1827, Strong River, Pinola.
- 1828, County Line, Crystal Springs; 1828, Galilee, Hazlehurst; 1828, Hopewell, Hopewell; 1828, New Providence, Hazlehurst; 1829, Leaf River, Mt. Olive; 1830, Friendship, Brookhaven; 1830, Providence, Grenada; 1831, Beulah Memorial, Bolton; 1831, Mt. Pisgah, Sand Hill; 1831, Steen's Creek, Florence; 1831, Zion, Pontotoc; 1832, Columbus, First, Columbus; 1833, Carrollton, Carrollton; 1833, New Hope, Sumrall; 1834, Harmony, Mize; 1835, Bethlehem, Askerman; 1835, Double Springs, Maben;

## History of Convention Filled With Adventure

By JESSE L. BOYD  
General Background

Early in the year 1780 a group of some thirty persons living in the Pee Dee Valley of South Carolina banded together and migrated to the Great South-west in the Natchez Country. Descending the rivers on their barge-like boats, they disembarked twenty miles above Natchez and settled on Cole's Creek in Jefferson County. The leader of the band was Richard Curtis, a Baptist deacon, whose son, Richard Curtis, Jr., was a licensed preacher. Spain ruled the District and the Roman Catholic religion only was tolerated. The newcomers, mostly of the Baptist faith, began to quietly hold religious services in their homes, without molestation from the authorities. In October 1791 a Baptist Church called Salem was organized in the home of Sister Margaret Stampley, composed of seven charter members with Richard Curtis, Jr. as the pastor. New converts were baptized in the little stream, and a marriage was solemnized on Stampley Hill at night, both strictly against the laws of the Province. Two prominent Catholic citizens professed a change of heart and requested baptism at the hands of Curtis. News of these things reaching the ears of the authorities, Curtis was threatened banishment and he fled to South Carolina. He returned in 1798 after the Stars and Stripes was hoisted over the ramparts at Natchez, and freedom of worship was guaranteed.

By 1806 five other churches had been organized — Bayou Pierre (1798) in Claiborne; New Hope (1800) in Adams; Bethel (Woodville 1800) in Wilkinson; New Providence (1805) in Amite; Ebenezer (1806) in Amite. The Mississippi Baptist Association was constituted in September, 1806, in the Meeting House of Salem church; and in 1815 it lined up with Triennial Baptist Convention (National) in support of the Judsons in Burma. In 1817 a Mississippi Society for Baptist Missions, foreign and domestic, was created, which sponsored the beginning of Baptist Work in New Orleans and Louisiana east of the River. In 1817 the Association initiated a "plan of education" for young preachers and supported an Education Society (1818) in the founding of Judson Institute (1835) for young preachers and others. The Mississippi was split up in 1820 to form the Pearl River and Union Baptist associations, and the three united in 1824 in organizing the first Mississippi Baptist Convention. But because of the infiltration

1835, Elim, Marshville; 1835, Fellowship, Bellfontaine; 1835, Fellowship, Meridian; 1835, Louisville, First, Louisville; 1835, Macon First, Macon; 1835, Union, Sardis; 1836, Bay Springs, Oxford; 1836, Bethany, State Springs; 1836, Bethlehem, Tishomingo; 1836, Burnsville, Burnsville; 1836, Clarke-Venable, Decatur; 1836, Clear Creek, Oxford; 1836, DeKalb, DeKalb.

of anti-missionary preachers from the outside, causing confusion and frustration, the Convention formally dissolved in 1829.

### One Hundred Twenty Glorious Years

In 1833 Elder Ashley Vaughn came into Mississippi from New York to regain his health, and as a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Within three years he had so endeared himself to the Baptists of the state that he succeeded in leading them in reorganizing the Baptist forces. He began, single-handed, a Baptist paper in Natchez in September 1836 with which he rallied the scattered and bewildered brethren for a meeting in mid-winter at the Clear Creek Church, Washington, Adams County, of which he was pastor, when the present Mississippi Baptist Convention was constituted on December 24, 1836. Vaughn was made president of both the Convention and Board of Directors which positions he held till his death in 1839 at the age of thirty-one years.

The Convention's Constitution provided that any person, or church, or association, or missionary society contributing \$10.00 annually would be entitled to one delegate; for \$30.00 given at one time, a delegate for life; and if a person could not attend, he might send a delegate in his place; any person giving \$100.00 at one time was made a member of the Board for life. "But no person shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention who is not a regular Baptist in good standing." Article IV reads, "The Convention shall never possess a single attitude of power or authority over any Church or Association. It absolutely and forever disclaims any right of this kind—hereby avowing that cardinal principle that every Church is sovereign and independent."

In 1839 the Convention voted to adopt Judson Institute at Middleton, Carroll County, as the state Baptist college, provided the Historical Society get the charter changed to convey ownership to the Convention. After years of waiting this was not accomplished, and the Convention dropped the school from its list of benevolent objects in 1847, appointing a committee to settle on a location for founding a college under denominational control. Several towns submitted bids, and in 1850 the offer of Clinton was accepted which was to give to the Baptists Mississippi College unencumbered, valued at \$11,000.00 provided the Convention would guarantee to operate the college in the town of Clinton. The offer was readily accepted.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in May, 1845, Mississippi Baptists were not represented, hoping the amicable adjustments could be made to remain in the local Triennial Convention. However, in November following, the Mississippi Convention voted to cast its lot with the Southern Convention. The era from 1845 to 1860 was characterized by a spirit of division. The Board of Directors of the Convention was divided into a Northern Board and a Southern Board, for a few years. In 1855, under the leadership of N. L. Clarke, the General Association of Regular Baptists in east Mississippi was organized. Under the leadership of Wm. Carey Crane the North Mississippi Baptist Association was organized in 1859. Later the South Mississippi and East Louisiana Baptist Association was organized.

During the war years (1861-1865) normal procedures of the Convention were almost wholly disrupted, the major attention and energies being directed toward providing the soldiers with Bibles and evangelists to conduct religious services in the soldier camps. An Orphan's Home was established at Lauderdale Springs near Meridian for the care of war orphans. Many schools closed for the duration, some never to open again. Difficulties of communication and travel caused some associations

to discontinue meeting, and houses of worship stood idle where the local preacher publicly defended "the rebellion" and missionaries of the Baptist Home Mission Society of the North were authorized by the military to take over the church houses and hold services. The struggle during reconstruction (1865-1875) for recovery was slow, and race relations strained. It was indeed an era when the souls of men of good will were tried to the point of breaking.

### Re-Organization Effected

In the early 1870's the Board of Directors of the Convention proved to be too cumbersome and inefficient for the tasks of the new day. Readjustments were made by dividing the old Board into five boards, each with headquarters as follows: Foreign Missions, Canton; Domestic Missions, Ripley; Sunday Schools, West Point; Bible and Colportage, Meridian; Mississippi Education, Clinton. Each was made up of persons particularly interested in the cause for which it was created, and was pledged to stimulate interest among the churches in that object and induce the churches to take up collections for that object. For instance, the Domestic Mission Board was to provide speakers to visit the churches and associations to make appeals, take

### One Of Early Clerks



Betty Elmore  
Miss Betty Elmore, clerk of the Granada Association in 1951, was the clerk that year who prepared the first minutes in the state and received the \$5.00 award that year from the State Historical Society. The urging of prompt preparation each year of minutes is one of the functions of the Society.

collections and forward the money to the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Marion, Alabama, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention would appeal to the Marion Board to supply missionaries for needy areas in Mississippi. The members of these boards did the work as a labor of love—nobody received compensation beyond necessary expenses.

It was apparent that this method was inappropriate and impractical, especially with reference to Domestic Missions. Hence, a State Mission Board was created in 1873 with a paid secretary and headquarters in Hazlehurst. Pastor T. J. Walne of the Vicksburg Church was chosen as secretary whose field extended from the Tennessee line to New Orleans and east to Mobile. For ten years he labored without let-up and marvelous results were accomplished. Mississippi Baptists—north, central, and south—lined up with the State Mission Board. Only east Mississippi Baptists affiliated with the General Association, failed to dissolve and come with the Convention. But at the end of ten years Secretary Walne was broken in health and was forced in 1883 to resign. "A More Perfect Organization" The unrelated boards had since 1871 run their course and had proven their impracticability as promotional agencies. A more perfect organization was the need of the hour. The president of the Convention, Judge W. H. Hardy of Meridian, was keenly aware of it, and in 1883, without precedent, began to deliver an address each year at the opening of the Convention. (Continued on Page 6)

### Know Your - - -

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Blue Mountain College. As president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention from 1868 for ten years he spear-headed the inspiration and leadership for pioneer growth.

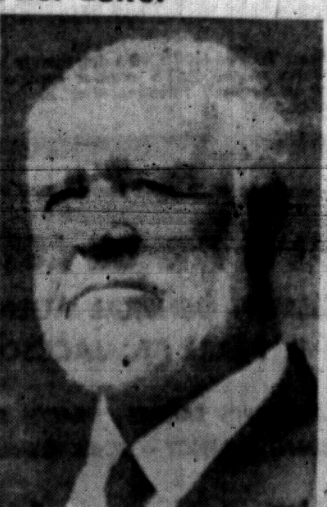
**William Harris Hardy**  
(1837-1919)

This layman was a man of many accomplishments—school teacher, lawyer, railroad promoter and builder, founder of Hattiesburg and Gulfport, orator and judge. His greatest contribution to the Baptist cause in Mississippi was his strong appeals, while president of the state convention 1880-1885, for the unification of the work and the cooperation of all Baptist agencies. In his presidential address before the convention in 1883 he made a strong appeal for what we now call "the Co-operative Program." "We should have some general plan or system of gathering these funds and disbursing them. I would have a general Finance Secre-

## The Baptist Record, 1877-1956, Has Had 7 Editors

By Joe Abrams  
Associate Editor  
The Baptist Record, the official Journal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, had its

### First Editor



Dr. J. B. Gambrell

origin at Clinton in 1877 and has had seven editors.

The first editor was Dr. J. B. Gambrell with the editor today being Dr. W. C. Fields.

In between there were five, in order as follows: J. A. Hackett, J. B. Searey, T. J. Bailey, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, and Dr. A. L. Goodrich.

The Baptist Record has had an eventful career. The original paper was begun in 1877 and had fallen into private hands by 1887 and consolidated with the Southern Baptist at Meridian as the Southern Baptist Record.

In 1898 a Convention-endorsed stock company purchased the Record and the Layman, published at Winona and consolidated them into a paper called the Baptist. Its original name of Baptist Record was restored in 1906.

Several other Baptist papers have existed in Mississippi, be-

ginning with the Southwestern Religious Luminary at Natchez in 1836. Some of these papers were Convention-sponsored and some were not.

### Present Editor



Dr. W. C. Fields



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## History Of - - -

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pleading for "Unification" or "A More Perfect Organization" (Pastor J. B. Gambrell of the Clinton Baptist Church and editor of the Baptist Record, was behind the scenes master-minding the movement.) In its 1885 session the Convention created the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which supplanted all the other boards, except that of Ministerial Education. This was a drastic change in the organized life of the Convention, and was adopted over stiff opposition by the brethren who feared the apparent centralization of power in the Convention. Dr. Gambrell was chosen as Corresponding Secretary (now called Executive Secretary) of the new Convention Board which then had only fifteen members from various sections of the state. It has been enlarged twice since; in 1916 to one from each association.

"Era of Ill Feeling"  
The decade of the 1890's was one of the three severe crises which threatened dire consequences to the unity and work of the Convention—(1) The agitation for the removal of Mississippi College from Clinton to Meridian; (2) The controversy over "Martinism" so-called which came to a climax in 1897; (3) The "paper muddle" which was finally settled in 1898 by the purchase of the two competing Baptist papers in the state and their being consolidated into one.

Twentieth Century Movement  
These crises passed, the Baptists of Mississippi at the turn of the century caught the spirit of the "Twentieth Century Movement" and pressed forward in an unparalleled advance to higher standards of Christian living and giving. At the close of the first year the Convention Board reported at 31 per cent increase to foreign missions, 32 per cent increase to home missions; and 29 per cent increase to state missions. A program of "Enlargement" was planned to take care of the increasing numbers of people in attendance upon the services of the churches. And by 1912 the value of church property advanced by 150 per cent and total contributions to all objects sky-rocketed from about \$80,000 in 1900 to \$575,545.71 in 1912. During the same period the membership of the churches affiliating with State Convention climbed from 93,662 to 149,838. Planned "Enlistment" followed with as great and astonishing results, leading into a period of "Enlightenment" when everybody, it seems, was eager to join study course classes and receive as many awards as it was a possible to acquire. It was a delight to serve as pastor in those days with people, like "eager beavers," would take all that was offered and clamor for more.

The above headed into a period of "Standardization" when standards were set up for every thing and everybody; and almost every body became infatuated with a desire to standardize—Sunday Schools, Classes, Departments, B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. U.'s, Y. W. A.'s, G. A.'s, R. A.'s Churches, Colleges, and EVERY THING! The colleges outside the control of the Convention eagerly sought and gained admittance to the status of Convention ownership and control to be standardized; namely, Mississippi Women's College (William Carey), established in 1906 under private auspices and in 1913 owned and controlled by the Baptists of Hattiesburg, was transferred to the Convention in 1911; Clarke Memorial College, founded in 1907 by the General Association, gained admittance in 1913; Blue Mountain College, established in 1873 and operated till 1918 as a private institution, came under convention control in 1919. And in 1922 the Convention launched a movement to prepare all her colleges for membership in the accrediting agencies, that is, to meet required standards.

Long Term Programs  
The Convention launched in 1916 a five-year program out of which Baptists became Budget-Conscious. It participated in the five-year \$75 Million Campaign (1919-1923) and learned anew that where there is unity there is strength. The two Centennial Celebrations, 1922 (which should have been in 1924) and 1936 impressed Mississippi Baptists with the importance of the preservation of history. And the Co-operative Program which has extended over some thirty years and promoted with an ever increasing intensity along with the practical application of Christian stewardship of life has kept Mississippi Baptists facing forward, onward and upward.

## 1st, Jackson, Elects Assistant Pastor



Rev. Schuyler Batson

Schuyler M. Batson, pastor at Bay St. Louis, has been elected Assistant Pastor of the First Church, Jackson, it was announced last week by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church. He will assume his duties on November 1.

Mr. Batson has been at Bay St. Louis for the past years and remarkable growth has attended his ministry. In Jackson he will assist Dr. Hudgins in all phases of the church's program but will be especially concerned with visitation and enlistment.

A native of the Gulf Coast, Batson is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and of Southern Seminary. Soon after graduation from the Seminary he was ordained to the ministry by the church to whose staff he is coming. He was a member of First Church during University and Seminary days.

Mrs. Batson is the former Lucille Grogan, for three years secretary of First Church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 21, 1956

Aberdeen, First	388	128
Amory, First	361	89
Batesville, First	468	222
Belden	86	73
Bethlehem (Jones)	162	119
Biloxi, Emmanuel	246	103
Booneville	297	118
Brookhaven, Central	126	69
Brookhaven, First	837	298
Main	705	221
Southway	95	45
Halbert Heights	37	32
Bruce, First	261	112
Calhoun City, First	314	164
Canton, Center Ter.	284	140
Clarksdale	513	164
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	527	206
Cleveland, Immanuel	176	118
Collins	214	114
Columbia, First	720	271
Main	673	
Columbia Trg. Sch.	47	
Columbus, Calvary	200	80
Columbus, First	975	396
Main	822	338
Fairview	133	58
Jonestown Mission	20	
Concord (Choctaw)	55	31
Corinth, East	196	69
Crystal Sprgs., First	720	229
Durant, First	265	135
Flowood	109	76
Forest	449	144
Furrs (Pontotoc)	90	51
Glenfield (Union Co.)	112	85
Gray's Crk (Desoto)	45	31
Greenville, Northside	101	43
Greenwood, Calvary	437	178
Greenwood, North	310	103
Gulport, Broadmoor	281	89
Gulport, First	881	293
Hattiesburg:		
First	651	241
Immanuel	332	143
Main Street	1014	553
Main	1002	
Mission	12	
Temple	546	164
38th Avenue	196	137
Hernando	175	98
Houlika	137	73
Itta Bena, First	185	84
Jackson:		
Alta Woods	609	273
Broadmoor	539	285
Calvary	1401	530
Main	1369	512
Mission	32	17
Colonial Heights	93	
Crestwood	695	415
Daniel Memorial	901	421
First	1189	514
Midway	216	98
Oak Forest	146	106
Parkway	1057	568
Southside	232	182
Van Winkle	591	344
West	491	203
Kosciusko, First	688	226
Main	651	
Maple Mission	37	
Laurel:		
First	632	199
Highland	253	150
Wildwood	286	118
Leakesville, First	212	100
Leland, Second	96	60
Long Beach, First	297	111
Longview (Okibbeha)	62	
Louisville, West End	81	72
Lucedale	351	174
Meridian:		
First	772	242
Highland	533	264
15th Ave.	507	241
Poplar Sprgs. Dr.	458	196
41st Ave.	373	140
State Blvd.	343	161
Oakland Hghts.	261	124
Eastview	156	120
Eighth Ave.	186	96
Oak Grove	117	53
Key Field	101	79
Emmanuel	60	28
Grandview Chapel	23	22
South Side	461	216
Morton, First	363	208
Main	292	130
Mission	71	78
Murphy Crk (Winston)	119	45
Neshoba (Neshoba)	97	69
New Albany, First	650	242
Main	581	203
Northside Mission	69	39
New Sight (Lincoln)	133	65
Newton, First	470	270
Pascagoula, First	824	361
Main	720	291
McArthur Chapel	81	42
Orange Grove Chp.	43	28

Paul Truitt (Rankin)	152	112	Ripley, First	381	177
Pearl (Rankin)	202	132	Ruth	71	59
Petal, First	175	86	Salem (Covington)	195	129
Petal-Harvey	429	247	Skene	111	61
Main	379	200	Soso, First	188	101
Harvey Mission	50	47	Starkville, First	765	393
Petal, New			Stonewall	165	94
Richton Road	34	28	Sunflower	105	34
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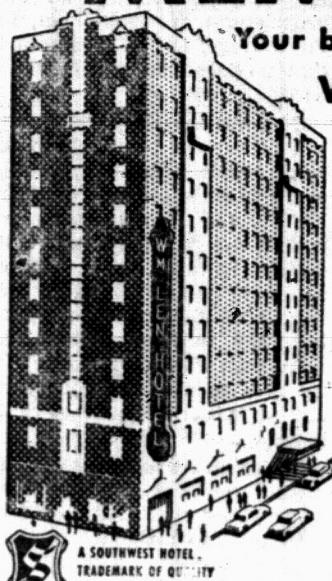
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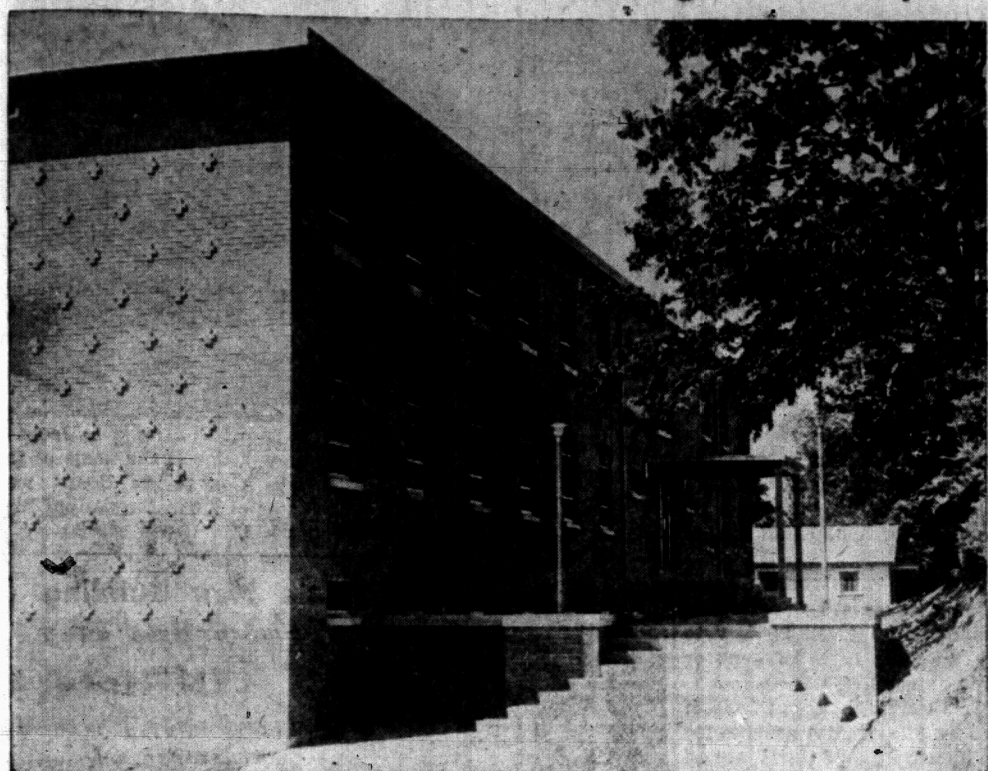
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## Starkville, First, Dedicates New Building To J. D. Ray



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Erected in 1956 at a total cost of \$193,250.15 the building contains 19,800 square feet of floor space. Construction is fire proof and totally air conditioned. All

floors are covered with asphalt tile; ceilings of halls and assemblies are covered with acoustical tile. The total cost of equipment was \$14,500.00.

The Building Committee was composed of the following: H. K. Williford, chairman; Dr. C. Dale Hoover; Dr. Frank Jenkins; Maurice Kennedy; P. D. Lee; Robert F. Taylor. Dr. C. Applegate is pastor.

## Stroke Kills MC Student Sunday

Edward W. "Ted" Parkinson, twenty-year-old Mississippi College sophomore, died early Sunday morning at the Baptist Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered while on an automobile drive Saturday afternoon.

The stricken youth was brought to the Baptist hospital here by his mother, but died some hours later.

Known as "Ted" to his friends at college, he was a native of Rome, N. Y., and was active in student circles including speech and dramatic groups. He had planned to marry Miss Ruth Ann Mason, also a student at Mississippi College, and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Mason of Crystal Springs, in December.

Funeral services were held at the Clinton church Monday with Dr. Howard E. Spell, dean of Mississippi College, officiating, assisted by Troy Mohon and the Rev. Mr. Mason. Interment was in the Crown Hill Memorial Park cemetery, Utica, N. Y. He is survived by his mother,

## Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS PLANNING MEETINGS COMING

The Regional Planning Meetings for Associational officers will be held November 29-30, and December 1st. Since all the Associational officers are expected to attend, these meetings, the Music Department is anxious to secure a complete list of all Associational officers from each Association in Mississippi at the earliest possible

moment. The newly elected Associational Director is expected to prepare a list and mail to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. just as soon as the Associational Meeting is held. Your co-operation in this effort will be greatly appreciated.

### A NEW PROMOTION

Regional Song Leading Clinics are to be held as follows:

Monday, November 5, West Laurel Baptist Church.

Tuesday, November 6, Immanuel Baptist Church, Laurel.

Thursday, November 8, North Greenwood Baptist Church.

Friday, November 9, First Church, Tupelo.

This is the first effort with a direct promotion in song leading. This is a badly needed area of training. Please make every effort to get the people who ought to attend to be present for these Clinics. The program will be from 7:00 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. Don't miss this opportunity.

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## Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary  
ROBERTA TAYLOR and JANE THORNTON, Secretaries



Robert E. Naylor

Shown above is Robert E. Naylor, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, who will bring one of the messages at our evening session of the State Brotherhood Rally. Dr. Naylor is one of the most sought after speakers in the Southern Baptist Convention, and we shall look forward to his message.

The following is the complete program for the Rally:

**Afternoon Session**  
2:00 Song Service  
2:15 Brotherhood Work Program 1956-57 — David Mashburn  
2:45 Southern Baptist Boys' Program — Robert Woody  
3:10 Song  
Announcements

### 3:25 Conference Period and Leaders

1. Presidents, Program Vice Presidents and Pastors—David Mashburn.

**DISCUSS:** (Organization, Meetings, Finances, and Programs).

2. Membership Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Committees — H. L. Hutcherson.

**DISCUSS:** (Membership, Attendance, Publicity).

3. Activities Vice Presidents, Chairmen and Members of all Brotherhood Committees — Curtis Beard.

**DISCUSS:** (Committee work, Activities, Reports).

4. Royal Ambassador Counselors, Boys' work Committee Members — Horace Kerr.

**DISCUSS:** (Promotion, Sponsorship, Leadership).

4:15 Adjourn.

### Evening Session

7:00 Song Service  
Special Music — Clarke Memorial College Choir

7:25 Message — Robert E. Naylor

7:55 Our Program With Boys — David Mashburn

8:10 Special Music — Clarke Memorial College Choir

8:25 Message — Carl E. Bates

Sessions

Monday Afternoon — Brotherhood Sessions for all men—

2:00-4:15 (First Baptist Church)

5:00-6:30 (Calvary Baptist Church)

7:00-9:00 (First Baptist Church)

## Goss Dedicates New Building



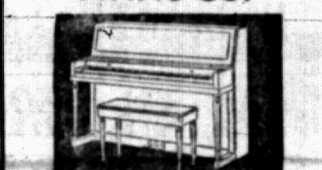
The new church at Goss, erected at a cost of \$35,000, was dedicated debt-free on Sunday, October 7.

The pastor, Rev. J. D. Walker, was in charge of the dedicatory services at which Dr. E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary, brought the message.

Ground was broken September, 1955. The church, valued at approximately \$65,000, is now in the process of installing a combination air-conditioning and heating system. They recently adopted a budget of \$9,500, which is well above last year's budget.

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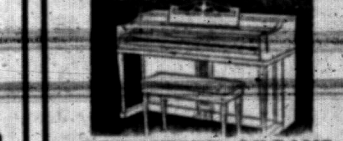
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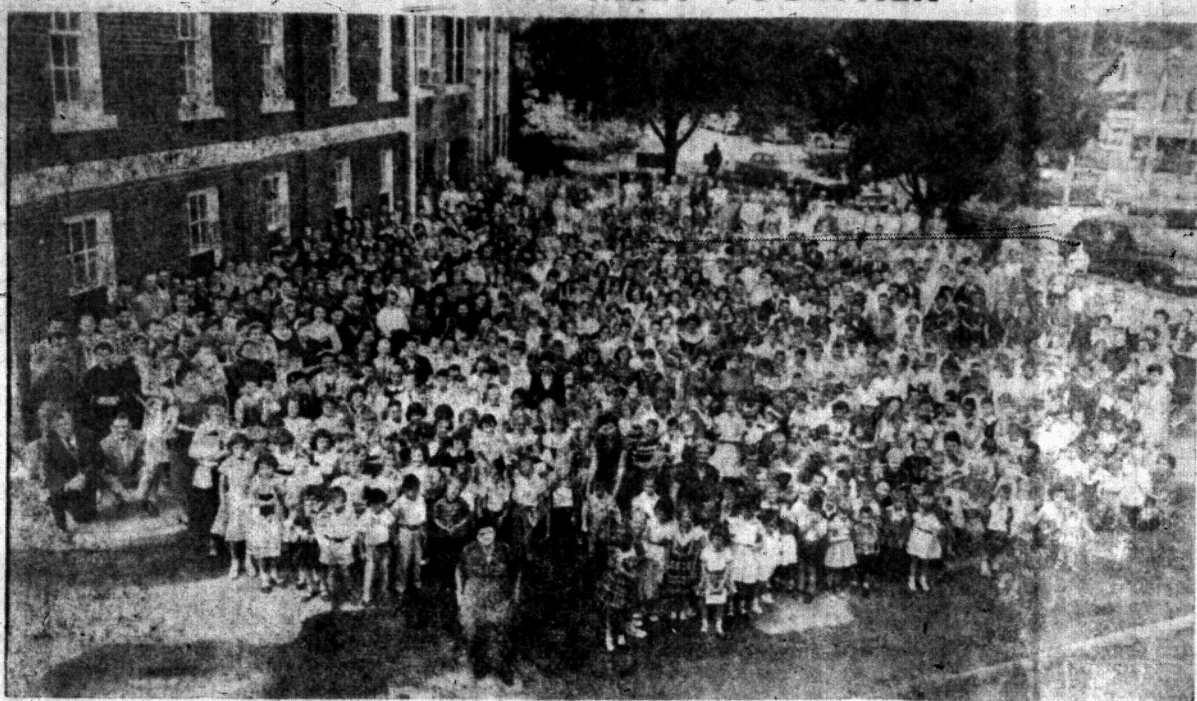
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# HOW THEY LOOK WHEN THEY MEET TOGETHER



There are many people who attend Sunday School at the First Church of Pascagoula, as witnessed by the above picture of some of them, taken on a recent Sunday morning. Dr. Eugene Skelton is pastor.

## ARCHAEOLOGISTS REPORT DISCOVERY OF HYKSOS ROYAL TOMB IN GALILEE

JERUSALEM (RNS) — Hebrew University archaeologists working in the area of the Biblical town of Tel Hazor in northern Galilee reported the discovery of what appears to be the first unopened royal tomb of the Hyksos period ever unearthed.

The Hyksos or "shepherd kings" were the earliest invaders of Egypt, conquering it "without a blow" about 1685 B. C., according to Josephus (Manetho Book II), who also identified them as Israelites.

Hyksos and their people held sway over Egypt throughout the 15th-17th dynasties, or approximately 511 years, until driven out by a rebellion. Some 240,000 of these desert people then migrated back to Judea where they built Jerusalem. Actual historical records of the Hyksos period are rare and few archaeological traces of it have ever been found.

The archaeologists, Gen. Y. Aal Yadin, former chief of staff of the Israeli Army, and Prof. Jean Perrot, discovered a circular staircase leading into a rock tunnel fronted by a monumental arch such as is known only in royal tombs.

The tunnel is still blocked by tons of debris apparently tumbled in by an ancient earthquake, the archaeologist said. They said that groups of diggers have been put to work carefully removing this debris so as to preserve any artifacts it may contain. The actual tomb chamber is expected to be reached in a few days.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Tommy Hale, Pontotoc; Rev. S. E. Sumrall, Raleigh; Rev. H. Fred Williams, Biloxi; Mrs. H. Fred Williams, Biloxi; George H. Brunson, Jackson; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, Tennessee; J. E. Chapman, Utica; Mrs. J. E. Chapman, Utica.

## Newstands Reflect Sex-Obsessed Culture

COLUMBIA, S. C. (RNS) — A clergyman who spent a year studying the contents of magazine racks says newstands reflect a culture that is obsessed with sex.

Reverend Ralph A. Cannon made the study in cooperation with the board of social and economic relations of the South Carolina Methodist Conference. In the first of a series of articles in the South Carolina Methodist Advocate he wrote: "Exploitation of sex pervades the magazine industry to such an extent that even high quality magazines resort to it in some degree."

"The immorality of such magazines does not lie simply in the fact that there is too much unadorned flesh and too much indecent language. More important is the over-all attitude toward sex represented in the magazines that brands them as immoral, from the viewpoint of Christian ethics."

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## Ministers' Protests Close 'Girly' Shows

LEXINGTON, N. C. (RNS) — Protests by a group of ministers resulted in the closing up of all shows and most of the games at the Davidson County Fair.

The clergymen complained to Sheriff Homer Lee Cox of "vulgarity and indecency" in "girly" shows at the fair. The exhibitors are traveling with Penn Premiere Shows.

After the initial shut-down, some of the attractions reopened after a conference among the show's sponsor (the Kiwanis Club), ministers, and showmen. The "girly" shows remained closed, however.

## Kentuckians Ponder \$2 Million Budget

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — A budget of \$2 million will be proposed to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky at the annual session in Madisonville Nov. 13-15.

This is an increase of \$200,000 over the basic budget of 1955-56. W. C. Boone, general secretary and treasurer, estimated that current-year receipts will total \$1,900,000.

## Ruling Bars Gideon Bible Distribution In Penna. Schools

HARRISBURG, Pa. (RNS) — Distribution of Gideon Bibles in schools is illegal under both the state and federal constitutions, Deputy Attorney General Elmer T. Bolla ruled in an informal opinion here.

The Department of Public Instruction had asked for a ruling on whether the Gideon Society could distribute Bibles to public school children in Haverford Township, Delaware County.

Mr. Bolla advised the department that the distribution of Gideon Bibles in the public schools would violate:

"1. The 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution prohibiting the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion;

"2. The Pennsylvania Constitution that (says) no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious establishment or mode of worship.

"3. The Public School Code of 1949 which does not provide for the distribution of this Bible on public school property."

Mr. Bolla emphasized that his ruling does not effect the reading of the Bible in public schools. The state school code provides that "at least 10 verses from the Holy Bible shall be read without comment at the opening of each public school on each school day by the teacher in charge."

## Contracts Signed For Church In N. Y. Housing Project

NEW YORK (RNS) — Contracts for the construction of the first Protestant church to be built in a Manhattan housing project were signed at City Hall here with Mayor Robert F. Wagner as witness.

They provide for the erection of a 2½-story modernistic building at a cost of about \$360,000 for non-denominational DeWitt church in the heart of the Baruch Houses, one of Manhattan's biggest low-cost housing developments on the lower East Side.

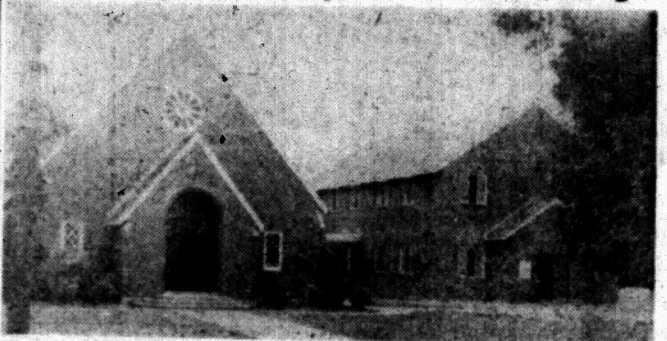
It will be the first new Protestant church built in Manhattan in 16 years.

## BAPTIST BUILDING TODAY



As the Baptist Record in this issue points Mississippi Baptists to their long and eventful history it also calls attention to the Baptist Building in Jackson today, which is the home of the State Convention Board and center of much Mississippi Baptist life.

## Webb Baptists Complete New Building



On Sunday, October 7, Webb Church used its new educational building for the first time. This structure, recently completed at a cost of \$33,875.00 (\$1125 less than the estimated cost), along with alterations on the main building, have made possible a fully departmentalized Sunday School with adequate space.

The new educational building contains 17 Sunday School rooms and assembly rooms, a modern kitchen, a large social room, and three restrooms. It has a breezeway connection with the main building.

The Building Committee has as its Chairman, J. L. Hill, Sr., and as its Treasurer, R. E. Murff. Other members of the committee are R. H. Abbey, Henry Biggers, A. J. Cole, W. L. Cochran, Tom Coward, Geo. Betty, George Hightower, M. E. Foreman, John Hey, Max Lay, D. A. Lunceford, C. L. Malone, H. D. Maxwell, Gycelle Tynes, and L. A. White. Dr. J. S. Riser has been pastor of this church for more than seven years.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, President of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, delivered the special message. Dr. Eddleman is a graduate of the old Webb School and the son of a former pastor, Rev. R. A. Eddleman.

## HATTIESBURG GIRL IS MC QUEEN



Lovely Louise Touchstone, Mississippi College coed, is pictured here with her maids following the coronation at half-time ceremonies in Clinton last Saturday. Louise, third from right, a Hattiesburg senior, is shown with Virginia Haynes, left, from Columbus, Miss.; Helen Green, Prentiss; Joan Dunman, Stateline, Miss.; Jo Smith, Grenada; and Mary Madonna Jones, Bogalusa, La. (MC Photo by Sullivan)

## B. C. ROGERS HEADS MC ALUMNI



Mississippi College Alumni Association officers re-elected for the coming year at the annual MC homecoming on the campus, are shown talking with MC president Dr. M. Nelson at the alumni banquet before the Homecoming football game: J. B. Smith, left, secretary-treasurer, Clinton; B. C. Rogers, president, Morton; talk with Dr. Nelson, and Owen F. Gregory, Jackson, vice-president. (MC Photo by Glen Sullivan)

## First, Greenwood Drops 500 Names

The First Baptist Church of Greenwood has recently erased more than 500 names from its church roll. A committee was appointed which made every effort to learn the whereabouts and status of the non-resident members. The present church roll represents the resident membership, and those non-resident ones who wished to retain their membership as it was. Dr. J. H. Kyzar is pastor.

## Protest Arrest Of Minister In Pulpit

EUGENE, Ore. (RNS) — Delegates to an Oregon district meeting of the Assemblies of God protested the arrest of a Yoncalla, Ore., minister of the denomination in his pulpit several weeks ago.

A resolution addressed to the governor and other state officials said the arrest of Rev. Eugene E. Channer while preaching a sermon was a "violation of a church sanctuary, the interruption of a religious service" and an interference with "a congregation's freedom of assembly and worship." It said the incident was "of vital concern to every religious body in Oregon."

On Sept. 16, a state patrolman served a warrant upon Mr. Channer in the church charging him with breaking into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs of Yoncalla. Mr. Tubbs later retracted the charge and issued a public apology.

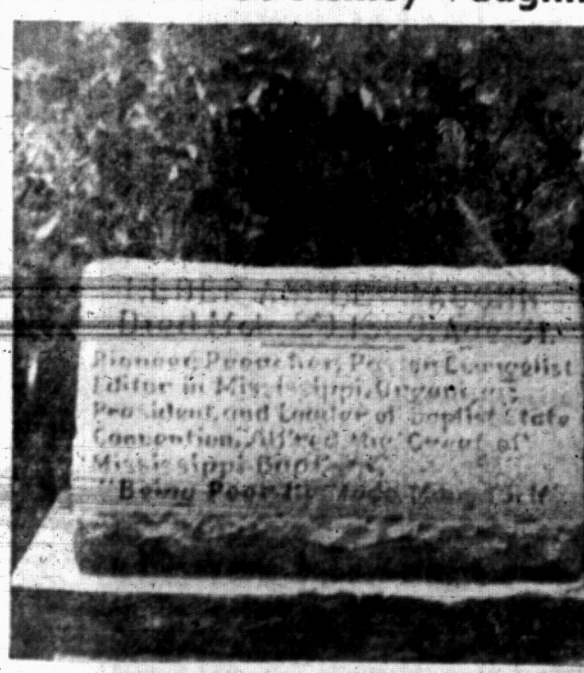
Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs are involved in divorce proceedings. Answering his wife's divorce complaint Mr. Tubbs said too many church meetings had disrupted his home life.

Members of Mr. Channer's congregation raised a fund to bail the minister out of jail.

At the meeting here W. D. Davidson of Salem, superintendent of the Oregon Assemblies of God, said that while the 600 delegates might not have legal footing for their protest, "at least the action of the law officials was of poor taste."

George H. Davis of Salem, secretary, said the arresting officer "certainly could have waited until the sermon was over."

## Gravestone Of Ashley Vaughn



The marker on the grave of Elder Ashley Vaughn reads as follows: "Pioneer Preacher, Pastor, Evangelist, Editor in Mississippi. Organizer, President, and leader of Baptist State Convention. Alfred the Great of Mississippi Baptists. 'Being Poor he made Many Rich'."

## Southern Seminary Installs New Dean



NEW DEAN of the School of Religious Education of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Dr. Allen W. Graves (center) receives congratulations from his brother, Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, following inaugural ceremonies. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, installed Dean Graves.

## Church Has Seats In Staggered Sizes

LOS ANGELES (RNS) — Something new in church seating has been incorporated in the mammoth \$860,000 White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist church here.

It has seats arranged in staggered sizes. If you don't fit, just move over until you do. Seats are built to accommodate worshippers of any dimension.

The church, third largest ever built by Adventists and the biggest in this area, will serve as an evangelism center for the Southwest.

## Laymen Organize Rural Fire Dept.

CONWAY, S. C. (RNS) — The Baptist Brotherhood of Good Hope Baptist church, Horry County, has organized a rural fire department, first in the county.

The Brotherhood purchased an old fire truck formerly used by the Conway Fire Dept. and members equipped it with a 500-gallon water tank.

The S. C. Forestry Commission contributed equipment and training in fighting woods fires.

## Lutheran Church Holds Bible Reading Marathon

CLEVELAND (RNS) — A week-long Bible reading marathon was conducted in Euclid Lutheran church here in connection with the dedication of its new \$220,000 building.

Some 312 members of the congregation read the Old and New Testaments in relays of 10 to 30 minutes. They began as early as 7:30 in the morning and continued to 11 at night.

Rev. Fred K. Bernlohr, pastor, said the marathon had "given the members a new appreciation of the Bible as the cornerstone of the church."

"They now see it as a complete book rather than as a few favored passages," he said.

"Reading from the lectern also has given our people, young and old, a new sense of church participation."

## Off The Record

The liner was pitching in a heavy gale when a girl, noticing a seasick-looking man standing by the rail, remarked to the woman beside her, "Your husband's a poor sailor, isn't he?"

"Indeed not," replied the woman sharply. "He's a rich farmer!" —Gossip Fun (May '56).

Walking thru a hotel lobby the other day, we found ourselves trailing a couple of ladies who were conversing in broad Southern accents. "I just telephoned Alice," one of them was saying, "and she's dreadfully disturbed. She and Bill so wanted some good water on their place, and now they're stuck in a hotel in Houston." —New Yorker.

Overheard: Lady buying fishing license, answering routine questions as to height, weight, color of eyes—color of hair? asked the clerk. (Head wrapped neatly in a silk scarf). Said the lady, "It's brown this week."

Friend: "Ah, professor, I hear your wife has had twins. Boys or girls?" Prof. (absent minded): "Well, I believe one is a girl and one a boy, but it may be the other way around."

"The person who associates with younger people and joins in their activities will never grow old," says a psychologist. Of course he won't. He won't live that long.

"The hardest part of a lecture," insists an experienced speaker, "is waking up the audience after the man who introduces me has concluded his remarks."

If children did not ask questions, they would never learn how little adults know. — Raymond Duncan.

Even the best family tree has its sad!

## Baptists Establish Junior Church

TOPEKA, Kan. (RNS) — The Community Baptist congregation here has established a Junior church at which children conduct their own services in a separate building.

The building is a small chapel used by members of the congregation before construction of the present church.

The chapel has been remodeled completely and equipped with small pulpit and pews to serve in its new capacity as the Junior church.

## Nola Church Holds Kick-Off Banquet

Rev. Marvin Smith, pastor, reports that there were 60 present for the first "Fall Kick-Off Banquet" for Sunday School and Training Union officers ever held at Nola Church in Lawrence County. Twenty-one Training Union awards were presented.

Rev. Ralph Bray, pastor of the Fair River Church in Lincoln County, brought the inspirational message. The theme of the banquet was "Trusting."